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1. POLCOUNS CALLED ON WORKING-LEVEL MFA OFFICIAL HAVING
RESPONSIBILITY FOR CSCE AFFAIRS KERSTIN ASP ON APRIL 29
IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL. MEETING CONFIRMED BROAD
US-SWEDISH AGREEMENT OF VIEWS ON BELGRADE PREPARATORY AND
MAIN MEETINGS REVEALED DURING MARESCA-CORRIDEN VISIT TO
STOCKHOLM, APRIL 1.

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2. PREPARATORY MEETING--SWEDEN SHARES US CONCEPTION OF
PURPOSES OF JUNE CONFERENCE. ASP SAID GOS EXTREMELY
PLEASED OVER AMBASSADOR SHERER'S APPOINTMENT. BOTH
SHE AND AMBASSADOR BERTIL ARVIDSON (WHO WILL LEAD GOS
DELEGATION TO BOTH JUNE AND MAIN MEETINGS) HAVE WORKED
CLOSELY AND WELL WITH AMBASSADOR SHERER DURING STAGE II

AND LOOK FORWARD TO EQUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP AT BELGRADE. ASP SAID THAT LEIF LEIFLAND, MFA SECRETARY GENERAL AS OF JUNE 1, WOULD PROBABLY BE AT BELGRADE FOR OPENING OF BOTH JUNE AND MAIN MEETINGS.

3. MAIN MEETING--GOS HAS NO QUARREL WITH GROWING CONSENSUS REGARDING STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION OUTLINED REFTEL. SWEDES FLEXIBLE ON OPENING DATE AND WILL BE PREPARED TO BEGIN LATE SEPTEMBER.

4. ORGANIZATION OF IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW--GOS IN AGREEMENT WITH US POSITION ON NEED FOR DETAILED REVIEW WITHIN SPECIALIZED COMMITTEES FOR EACH BASKET.

5. NEW PROPOSALS--ASP SAID SWEDISH POSITION HERE CLOSELY RESEMBLES THAT OF US. GOS STILL PLANNING TO INTRODUCE CBM PROPOSAL FOR IMPROVED TREATMENT OF OBSERVERS TO MILITARY MANEUVERS.

6. FINAL DOCUMENT--EXCEPT FOR GOS STRONG FEELING THAT DRAFTING WORK SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED IN COMMITTEES, SWEDES ARE PREPARED TO BE FLEXIBLE ON STRUCTURE OF FINAL DOCUMENT. ASP SAID GOS UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND YET FINNISH DESIRE FOR DRAFTING IN PLENARY WHERE HEADS OF DELEGATIONS MUST NECESSARILY BE INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS.

7. POST-BELGRADE EXPERTS MEETINGS--GOS VIEW IS THAT A VERY LIMITED NUMBER OF SUCH MEETINGS WITH VERY SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS WOULD HAVE MERIT. ASP SAID SWEDES CONFIDENTIAL

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AGREE THERE WAS REAL DANGER THAN PROLIFERATION HERE COULD WELL BE USED AS MECHANISM TO AVOID TREATMENT OF BELGRADE OF IMPORTANT SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES.

8. MEDITERRANEAN ISSUES--GOS SUPPORTS FORMULA USED AT CSCE ITSELF.

9. FAMILY REUNIFICATION--ASP NOTED CAREFULLY RECENT US EXPERIENCE WITH SOVIETS BUT WONDERED WHETHER HOPES FOR DRAMATIC PROGRESS BEFORE BELGRADE WERE REALISTIC.

10. BELGRADE FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS--GOS BELIEVES DATE, PLACE OF NEXT FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE SHOULD BE AGREED UPON AT BELGRADE. ASP OPINED THAT 1980 MIGHT BE LOGICAL TIME. SHE INSISTED SWEDEN HAD NO INTEREST IN HOSTING SUCH CONFERENCE.

1. CSCE COMMISSION ACTIVITIES--ASP TOOK NOTE OF ROLE AND AUTHORITY OF COMMISSION BUT MADE NO COMMENT.

INCIDENTALLY, EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY JAN RYLANDER, AN ANALYST AT THE SWEDISH DEFENSE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, THAT HE, RYLANDER, IS IN RECEIPT OF A LETTER FROM CHAIRMAN FASCELL REQUESTING RATHER EXTENSIVE INFORMATION AND OPINION ON SWEDISH EXPERIENCE WITH EE'S IN AREAS OF FAMILY REUNIFICATION, RESTRICTIONS ON VISITS, ETC. WHY RYLANDER WAS CHOSEN FOR THIS TASK IS UNKNOWN TO EMBASSY, ALTHOUGH HE IS REGARDED AS AN EXPERT IN SOVIET-EE AFFAIRS AND HAS MANY CONTACTS IN WASHINGTON. IN ANY CASE, WE PRESUME RYLANDER IS IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH MFA ON RESPONSE.

12. ASP AND ARVIDSON WILL VISIT EAST BERLIN ON MAY 2 FOR FIRST BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON BELGRADE MEETINGS. THEY WILL BOTH PARTICIPATE IN NEUTRALS MEETING IN BERN, MAY 9-10.
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